



State Revolving Fund Loan Programs

Drinking Water, Wastewater, Nonpoint Source

PRELIMINARY DECISION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TO ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS, ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT
LONG TERM CONTROL PLAN UPDATE:
CABELLA RETENTION POND UTILIZATION ENGINEERING ANALYSIS
PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING REPORT ADDENDUM #22
SRF # WW05 16 45 02

Date: May 22, 2013

Pursuant to IC 4-4-11, the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program has determined that the project described here and in Addendum #22 to the Hammond Sanitary District's Preliminary Engineering Report submitted to the SRF on March 15, 2013, will have no substantial negative environmental impact. Therefore, the SRF is issuing a preliminary decision of Categorical Exclusion from the requirements of substantive environmental review.

How were environmental issues considered?

The National Environmental Policy Act requires agencies disbursing Federal funds to include environmental factors in the decision making process. A summary of the project is attached for your review. The SRF's preliminary review has found that the proposed project does not require the preparation of either an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement.

Why is additional environmental review not required?

Our environmental review has concluded that significant environmental impacts will not result from the proposed action.

How do I submit comments?

Comments can be submitted to:

Mr. Max Henschen, Senior Environmental Manager
SRF Programs
317-232-8623; mhensche at ifa.in.gov

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Project Name and Address: Long Term Control Plan Update-Cabella Retention Pond
Engineering Analysis
Preliminary Engineering Report Addendum #22
Hammond Sanitary District
5143 Columbia Avenue
Hammond, IN 46327-1794

SRF Project Number: WW05 16 45 02

Authorized Representative: Dr. Michael T. Unger, District Manager

II. PROJECT LOCATION

There are no construction-related activities with this project. The project consists of an engineering analysis to evaluate the partial use of the Cabella Retention Pond as a CSO storage/treatment facility. The Cabella Retention Pond/wetland area is located south of the Borman Expressway between Indianapolis Boulevard and Kennedy Avenue.

III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

The District will hire an engineering firm to perform the analysis and modify the Hammond Sanitary District's Long Term Control Plan (LTCP) to include the results.

IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COST AND FUNDING

The cost of the engineering analysis project is \$43,710. The District will use funds from its SRF Loan WW05 16 45 02 to fund the project. Monthly user rates will not have to be adjusted.

V. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVES

Consistent with 36 CFR 800.3(a)(1) in the implementing regulations of the National Historic Preservation Act, the SRF has determined that the proposed undertaking is not a type of activity that has the potential to cause effects on historic properties.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The proposed project was discussed at a publicly noticed Board of Sanitary Commissioners meeting on March 12, 2013, at the Hammond Sanitary District Offices. No written comments were received.